

Minutes of the Town Board Meeting of the Town of Riverhead, held in the Town Hall, Riverhead, New York, on Tuesday, January 4th, 1977 at 7:30 P.M.

Present:

Allen M. Smith, Supervisor
George G. Young, Councilman
Francis E. Menendez, Councilman
John Lombardi, Councilman
Jessie Tomlinson, Councilwoman

Also present: Peter S. Danowski, Jr., Town Attorney
Absent: Alex E. Horton, Supt. of Highways

Supervisor Smith called the Meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Supervisor Smith: "I have not had the time to write an annual "State of the Town Message", and will make one orally by telling, you, the Public, everything that I as the Supervisor of the Town know, and the experiences that I have gained over the past years. And those things that I can foresee in the future. I am going to try to make you understand what I am saying that I cannot tell you in an address such as this, everything that I know either because it will take too much time or I cannot tell you and do this job. And I must, of course, then violate that very rule to explain to you what I know and it's best done this way.

For instance I have known since May the exact particulars of the drug problem in the Town of Riverhead. I have known the names of the men that deal in the drugs, I have held the hypodermic needles in my hand, I have known the cars that it is being transported in and I have known these things because of different contacts that I, Allen Smith, have may be then any of the rest of you in the room.

Another example might be that on a particular evening late at night I have seen and specifically an employee operating a very valuable piece of equipment of the Town of Riverhead so drunk that he couldn't run the machine effectively.

Now there appears to have been in the past in the Town of Riverhead a response to problems of this nature, which I believe is related this way if in the past I had identified the drunken employee or we had dealt with the specific drug problem. That a man has been arrested or an employee has been disciplined. And I feel that that is wrong. I feel that that kind of specific identification of lets say the drug problem or the employee problem is predicated on Allen Smith. It does not deal with the overall problem of our community. It means that Allen Smith is up late at night, or it means that Allen Smith can through his own contacts get a hold of hypodermic needles and things of that nature.

As far as Town Government goes it also means if that's the predicate of our problem that when Allen Smith either gets voted out of office or stops being Supervisor that the problem will remain. The

problem possibly with drugs is why aren't we stopping the drug traffic? It's a bigger problem than with the specific car, with a specific man in it, with a specific license plate. And that's the kind of thing that I'm looking for the answers for.

I'm not going to tell you everything else that I know. I will say in the year 1976 that we have laid sort of a foundation. We've dealt with things like books and bookkeeping, we've changed the bond rating, we hopefully have our Civil Service problems straightened out, we have good citizen participation in things such as visions and things of that nature. We have new faces, we have in the Recreation Department. We have new faces in the Building Department, new ideas. I'll identify one because it's very seldom that this particular face gets the credit that's deserved. Mr. Petraszewski has become in this year as part of the highlight of the year 1976 as head of the Sewer Department. He has done a good job. He is a guy that has come up through the ranks and this is the kind of thing that I feel is the foundation that will survive beyond this particular administration. Jack Hansen in my office - it's that kind of thing. The foundation of where we go from here.

So in this Supervisor's report we get off that kick and see what happens in 1977. Wouldn't it be sufficient in the year 1977 if I or another member of the Town Board or we collectively solve the problem that is posed by 821 across the street. Wouldn't that be enough for one year? And you can go down the list and you can say what about new tax payers, what if we increase the tax base by an exact amount equal to the amount that would come off the tax rolls because of the farm land thing. Wouldn't it be sufficient if we solved our problems with the Board of Equalization and Assessment? The amounts of money that that would save the tax payers.

Wouldn't it be sufficient for one year '77 if we concentrated on the dilemma posed by the new construction investment credit that will effect you all and it is a specific problem to the Town of Riverhead because we have the spector of the LILCO Plant. Do we give that 50% tax credit now and see this particular entity harvest the benefit. Shouldn't we be in one year concentrating on the tax usuraries. The law suits that ask for taxes back or reduction in taxes. I think maybe if we concentrated on that and settled those before they settle us it would be enough for a year.

We have the bond sales, we have drainage, we have down town improvement, and there's more. There's plenty of things that if we did as we talk about what we would do in '77 would be sufficient.

Now comes the point that there are things to be done in the foundation part which if we go forward in the year 1977 we'll be left behind in my judgment. And they are the two things that have been in the paper.

In the Police field there is no settlement with the P.B.A. For those of you who do not realize it the best settlement or the longest settlement that can be done under the Law is a two-year settlement. So it will be settled for the year 1976-1977 which means that just as soon as this contract is over another it will be in the process of being negotiated.

I think that the East Hampton Grand Jury Report demonstrates the design fault in the Civil Service method of operating a Police Depart-

ment. I do not believe that it is fair or equitable that Chief Palmer be asked to evaluate a question such as, and I believe this is a question that should be considered for the general benefit of the community, the actual existence of the Riverhead Police Force. I don't think that he can do that or he should be asked to do it. I don't think similarly he or the Lieutenant should be asked to consider and evaluate the existence of the Detective Force of the Riverhead Police Force which is an issue at the moment when you weigh it against the Seventh Squad.

We come to the issue whether or not we as the Town Board Members can evaluate this problem. I suggest to you that Civilian Evaluation has not worked in the past. Part of our problem as it currently exists in this Town is the contract that exists today. There quite frankly is nothing to give away. Those of you who were here at the last meeting and saw \$26,000 worth of Holiday Pay being awarded got the dollars and cents of that situation. If we rely upon a civilian to tell us, one of the members of the Town Board, musn't he be educated in the first instance about Police and Police Work.

I have recommended in the press that an outsider be brought in for a limited term. Unlike the Civil Service situation where once you've got a guy on, you've got him on forever. By a contract you can get rid of him. I would abolish the position during the pendency of that position and that of Captain in the Riverhead Police Department. I would make him responsible to the Town Board. I would be looking for someone quite frankly who had credentials that would enable that person to say to me that I am wrong. I have never claimed and I'm not about to now, that I can't be wrong. But I think you need that kind of expertise in that field. And as I said this is one of these foundation things that we're getting away from a little bit and I think we need this kind of a person to come in and help us with the foundation thing as we go on to the other problems that are around us.

The other position that I have recommended in the press is that which is called purchasing agent. That's just a name. I would see that person doing some things that will not necessarily fall in that category and I will again give you a for instance. For instance that I'm not talked about in the press, but I think I'll try to explain to you with the example of how difficult the administration of Government has become. We have been paying on a fuel escalator clause, we did pay on a fuel exscalator clause for fuel delivered to the Town of Riverhead for the year 1975.

One of the things Mr. Hansen and I checked into as we began the year 1976 was that fuel escalator clause. We were paying increases based upon an increase in price that was quoted from Northville Industries. Now this particular supplier was not Northville Industries, but his claim was the supplier who supplied him had caused him an increase, therefore, we should pick up an increase. Very simple, very straight forward. Fact of the matter is that supplier was not getting his oil from Northville. And we referred it to the Grand Jury. It has come back, there was insufficient evidence to prosecute on that particular item.

That is the kind of thing when you are concentrating on problems like 821, like Police Negotiations, like CSEA Negotiations, that's those little things that can fall through the cracks.

You need somebody to evaluate how much it's costing for police car repairs, or repairs to cars generally in the Town.

We have problems with Blue Cross, Blue Shield just like everybody else has. We have problems with employee evaluations which have not been done around here. Civil Service up-dates making sure everybody is certified, if their job has changed - new job description, etc., etc.

I see in the year 1977 that we're going onto the other problems. We're going onto the tax base problems, we're going onto the LILCO problems, the bigger problems. I also see that we're leaving some of these others behind. I've used the media to explain these kind of things. I don't think it's fair to you to conceal them. That's why they are stated publicly to get public reaction and I state them as clearly as I can. If in fact the public is against knowing what I have said and what I see the public is against this kind of additional staff, well so be it. At least I've told it the way I see it and it might go against me. I and the rest of the members of the Town Board in the year 1977 are going to work as hard as we can on the other issues and I certainly am going to concentrate on some of those, if not all of those that I laid out for the year 1977."

Councilman Menendez: "Mr. Supervisor, you had made a few statements here that I take issue with. You had made a statement regarding Chief Palmer that to me is a little unfair and that a civilian working with the Chief cannot grasp the problems that they have down there. I for one feel that you're 100% wrong. I know Chief Palmer can handle this job if given half the chance to handle it. And I intend to see that he has this chance. I am prepared to work with the Police Department and the Chief to see if we could get a good working rapport between the Police Department and the Town Board based on a humane approach. Instead of the use of a big stick about bringing in some first class ogre from upstate, I feel that we can get results and co-operation from the Police Department by treating the Force like gentlemen and by mutual respect.

Sir, I ask you for the appointment to oversee the work of the Police Department at no increase in salary."

Supervisor Smith: "I think that will have to be a matter we'll have to let the other three members decide between us."

Councilman Menendez: "Well then I want a vote on it."

Supervisor Smith: "We'll get to that later on in the evening."

Councilman Menendez offered the following resolution which was seconded by Councilman Young.

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead, held on December 21, 1976, be approved as submitted.

The vote, Lombardi, Yes, Tomlinson, Yes, Menendez, Yes, Young, Yes, and Smith, Yes.

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

REPORTS

Tax Receiver's dated: January 3rd, 1977
Police Department, month of December, 1976
Building Department, month of December, 1976
Building Department, Annual Report for 1976 Filed.

COMMUNICATIONS

Association of Towns Convention dated 12/31/76, submitting Notice of the Annual Meeting of the Association of Towns to be held at the New York Hilton and Americana Hotels, New York City on February 21st, 22nd, and 23rd, 1977. Requesting designation on Delegate and Alternate Delegate. Filed.

Copies to Town Board and Town Attorney and all Town Agencies.

Supervisor Smith read a communication from Robert F. Donnelly, tendering his resignation as member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. File

UNFINISHED BUSINESSDecision on awarding bid for Liquid Asphalt

Supervisor Smith called on the Town Attorney, Peter S. Danowski, Jr., for a report.

Town Attorney: "We do have some bids that were submitted in reference to specifications submitted by the Supt. of Highways. I don't mean to make this comment and attack Mr. Horton, however, it has come to be known to me and it has been some what commented on in the press.

The Town of Brookhaven had some problems with the bidding on Asphalt Contracts. This Town Board has received several letters concerning the bid specifications and the awarding of the bid on the Asphalt Specifications. I think there were specific comments from the two bidders - from Mr. Welch, and Mr. Lansdell or the Lansdell Company and is concerned what is commonly know in the trade as an escalator clause and there's been some controversy over it and whether in fact this Town Board should award the bid to either bidder. The Town Board has in fact discussed this with me and I think we have reached the unanimous conclusion that the best thing and the fairest thing we can do in this particular matter is to not award the bid and to ask Mr. Horton to resubmit the specifications to ask Miss Block to republish and to rebid the whole matter.

With this further comment let Mr. Horton take up the Town Board's suggestion that as part of the bid specification that the question of the escalator clause be eliminated. So when the Town Board receives the bid it is an absolute fixed bid so it does not fluctuate based on a supplier's quantity of oil or asphalt.

The second aspect of the bid that again is merely a suggestion but one which I think the Town Board is in favor of is that if the specifications call for more than one item of asphalt that these items not be interchangeable and what I mean is this, I'll

use it as an example. That if in fact the specification calls for let's use a number 10 - 10 separate items. If these items of oil or asphalt are interchangeable what we're really doing is perhaps indirectly may be not knowingly taking away the bidding process, for although there is no accusation being made at this point and it's quite innocently done because maybe it's the way it's been done in the trade over the number of years.

If in fact one man bids low and he happens to be a man in favor of anybody he may be awarded all the contract, however, other people might be low on the other nine items and they may be even lower than this one bid and if they're interchangeable they should be the proper party to be getting the bid. So what we're suggesting is let's make sure we have a very competitive specification. And again this is a suggestion and not a direct order to the Supt. of Highways. It's only to try to create some bid specification that anything improper might be forthcoming .

So we have received this communication from the two people who have been on the Asphalt Contracts and it was my impression that the last time I talked to the members of the Town Board that they were not going to award the bid and they were going to direct that new specifications be drawn and the matter be republished and rebid."

RESOLUTION

Councilman Young offered the following resolution which was seconded by Councilman Menendez.

RESOLVED, That all bids for the supplying of Liquid Asphalt requirements received by the Town Clerk on December 20, 1976, be and the same are hereby rejected, and it is further

RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk is hereby directed and authorized to republish notice of bids requiring bids for Liquid Asphalt requirements for use of the Town of Riverhead Highway Department for the year 1977.

The vote, Lombardi, Yes, Tomlinson, Yes, Menendez, Yes, Young, Yes, and Smith, Yes.

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES

Supervisor Smith asked if any one wished to be heard and the following responded:

Walter Witt, Wading River: "As the program progresses, it seems that these elected officials are not doing their job from what I hear. Why haven't these oversights come in for the Police Department. In my opinion we don't need a purchasing agent. I believe all you Council people are elected to do a job by the people, for the people. Now why bring this extra help. We're in the process of laying-off five policemen and we're in the process of hiring two more. This is unbelievable. This does not sit straight with me. If you could explain that to me I would appreciate it."

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Supervisor Smith: "I tried to explain my position Mr. Witt in my opening remarks and if you didn't understand it, I'm sorry. Doctor Menendez has taken a contrary position on the one hand and I'll let him speak for himself."

Councilman Menendez: "Walter I didn't take this up tonight, believe me. I've been talking for the last two weeks with different policemen, among them your son was one I asked questions. I haven't taken this lightly. To me I cannot see bringing in an outside man and paying him a salary of \$30,000 or more and laying-off five cops at the other end.

It doesn't make good common sense. All I'm asking for is a chance - I'm on the Police Committee now. We have three members on the Police Committee, somebody has to head it up. That's what I'm asking for is to head up the Police Committee so I can work with the police. Maybe in a different tact and from an angle from the way they have been handled. And possibly I think if treated as equals that we might get the work load done a lot better than it's being done right now, cause the more you beat a dog over the head the worse it's going to act. If you treat them with kindness and consideration, they might respect you.

That's what I'm trying to get there is mutual respect so the Town Board and the Police Department will work together not against each other. I think I can do it. I want to take a crack at it and I don't expect to be paid \$10,000,000.00 to do it either."

Walter Witt; Made an objection to the petty flack that Mr. Horton is getting from all sides. He stated that Mr. Horton is one of the elder elected officials and he should not be getting hit with this kind of flack.

Michael Giordano, Daly Drive, Riverhead; Asked how the rest of the Board feels about the position of Police Commissioner or Deputy Supervisor and stated he believes our Police Chief is doing a good job.

Supervisor Smith; Stated he does not wish to criticize anybody in the Police Department and said he did not imagine the hypodermic needle and if he can find them, the men whose job it is to find them should be doing their job.

Michael Giordano: "Policemen are not easy to get as contacts."

Supervisor Smith: "That, however, is what they get paid for. There is a divergence of opinion on the Board, may be unlike in the past, we have not swept in with this idea, we have made it public in the press. It is a source of concern for all of us. Let's air it, let's debate it and if the problem can be solved in another way, I don't claim to have the magic solution."

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Michael Giordano; Asked if these jobs would be two year terms - two year contracts.

Supervisor Smith: "One of the things that is wrong with the Civil Service and I think it will come out in the Grand Jury Report if it's released from East Hampton, is this business of taking the promotional advancement within the Riverhead Force of the Civil Service Test as is established for positions in the County of Suffolk. There are people, Chicago, San Francisco, elsewhere who are expert in the field, who owe the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead nothing. Who have not drank for the last twenty years in Doc's Tavern with the members of the Police Force. And who know by definition when they come in here that two years later they will be going on some place else. That they aren't wed to either the position or the job and we are not wed to them. And that's just how I feel about it."

Michael Giordano; Asked if this is an appointed position.

Supervisor Smith: "Absolutely. If the Republicans were to win a majority of the Board this Fall and they did not like the gentleman either as I suggest because he begins to investigate them or us - out he goes."

Michael Giordano; Stated he thought it a good idea, because it might end up a political job.

Supervisor Smith: "I would think that whoever might be entertained for this kind of position should be a topic of discussion. And maybe it would be good for a Democratic Board if the job ever comes into existence to hire a Republican. Maybe that would show that's not how it works."

Paul Meyer; Stated he felt it was a good idea to appoint Mr. Menendez, and if this doesn't work out, that the Supervisor ought to go over to what he suggested. He said the Supervisor has the Town in mind and is trying.

Mr. Meyer mentioned that he always believed that bids should be given out in order to give competitors in this Town a chance to bid.

Mr. Meyer stated he suggested two years ago that all items be put out to bid and here Item 13 (on Agenda) allows anybody to go out to buy \$500 worth.

Supervisor Smith: "I don't think you're going to see that one get passed."

Mr. Meyer; Said he can see that the Supervisor is trying to do a job and asked that Mr. Menendez be given a chance to see what happens.

Councilman Menendez: "Mr. Meyer, I don't claim to be any Savior of any kind. I don't know a damn thing about Police Work,

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but I have to use a little common sense and all I ask is instead of having the Town go out and spend on a two-year period at least \$60,000, to give me six months at this thing. Better yet a year and see if I can turn it around. To see if I can get the Police to cooperate with the Town instead of bumping heads with them."

Mr. Meyer: "You say give Palmer a chance to do his thing?"

Councilman Menendez: "That is absolutely correct."

Mrs. Karch: "I felt I really had to come up here and second this gentleman. I miss Mr. Hooper if you remember him so I'll take his place. And I give you my vote of confidence. But first, where in the budget is the money for these two jobs that's going to cost astronomical amounts?"

Supervisor Smith: "In the budget I would abolish the position that currently exists of "Captain" for the entire period that the particular person would be in that position. The accounts of the Town that provide for the purchase of equipment and things of that nature, that savings can be accrued that will at least pay for the salary of a purchasing agent.

For instance we are spending time, energy, and money on the bull dozer repairs. Those repairs were authorized on an estimate that said the bulldozer could be repaired for \$6,000. \$18,000 later the bulldozer got repaired."

Mrs. Karch: "Well it won't cause any great disaster if you hired or gave out these two jobs?"

Supervisor Smith: "The purchasing agent position is a Civil Service position and wouldn't be hired off a County Wide List but a Town Wide List first and a County Wide List second."

Mrs. Karch: "Well since the night of the Public Hearing when you proposed your Budget I've been going around telling people that everybody in Riverhead is behind Supervisor Smith. They do not question any items in the budget, they didn't ask for any explanations. So in other words I feel that people are giving you a free rein to do what you want to."

Supervisor Smith: "You and I've debated this before. We'll discuss it here as we go along."

Town Justice Gregory R. Manning; Told the Board that he would like to voice his conclusions and ask a few questions on the new proposal. He asked the Supervisor: "To what degree of competence are you placing on the fact that there are drug cases? By convictions or by arrests? To what degree do you feel that the police are not performing - by arrests or by convictions?"

Supervisor Smith: "I am telling you as best I can that I have held in my hand, I have had the works of heroin traffic in this

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community. I have walked into rooms without a Search Warrant, without an invite, where it is obvious that drug traffic has been going on. I have or had identified for me at least one of the men that was involved in the shoot-out across the street as one of the traffickers in drugs, a few months before the shoot-out occurred.

The specific problem is easy enough to solve. I have friends in the State Police and in the Seventh Squad that I could give the problem to and have the specific problem solved, the arrest made or the car stopped. Even if there wasn't ever a conviction that they know that we know and that's sufficient. Go peddle your drugs somewhere else.

The problem in my judgment is that I know and the River-head Police do now know, and that's what concerns me. I wonder where the rapport is between the Police Department and the Black Community in this Town. When do I solve that, before or after I solve the housing problems at 821, before or after I work on equalization and assessment, or before or after we settle the labor negotiations?

Should I really be scrounging around in basements on dirty old mattresses for the works? That's the question that I pose."

Judge Manning: "Can the police walk into that very same room where you found drugs?"

Supervisor Smith: "Yes, Sir."

Judge Manning: "No, Sir."

Supervisor Smith: "You are wrong, Sir."

Judge Manning: "They must have sufficient reason."

Supervisor Smith: "I busted no door."

Judge Manning: "You're not a Police Officer."

Supervisor Smith: "I kicked nothing down. I walked in plain view in a public area that was accessible to the police."

Judge Manning: "In a basement at 821 East Main Street, Sir?"

Supervisor Smith: "That's right. I handed the wrappers to one officer of the Department and to one of the Detectives."

Judge Manning: "Is the drug strictly at 821? They're not throughout the entire Community to a degree? Certainly you can make an arrest at 821 for drugs but they'll creep up elsewhere.

Perhaps you are the Police Commissioner, Chairman of the Police Commission on the Town Board. Can't you have a warrant sworn out for that type of arrest or an investigation?"

Supervisor Smith: "Dick, that is not the problem."

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Judge Manning: "The problem is, Sir - the responsibility is in your shoes, And members of the Council, you have been as lacking in your job responsibility in that vein as opposed to bringing someone from San Francisco, Chicago or elsewhere to oversee something that you should be doing."

Supervisor Smith: "Sir, you are saying that I must do the Police Officer's job. I do not see it that way. My job is to see that the Police Officer does his job. Now you got the same answer that I get on the street - tell me who your informant is."

Judge Manning: "I don't want to know that."

Supervisor Smith: "It's not an informant - you've got to be hiding under a rock in this Town not to know what's going on."

Stephen Glose, Aquebogue, called attention to a ticket drawn up by a political party which supported the people sitting on the Board, as well as people sitting in the audience right then. That these people were supported because of their dedication, their honesty, ideas and talent.

Mr. Glose continued saying that he has seen the elected officials in this Town work extremely hard, long hours into the night, on Saturdays and Sundays. He commended them for that and added that they justified the faith and trust that the people placed in them.

Mr. Glose concluded by thanking the elective officials for their hard work during the past year and wished them more success with the problems they face this coming year.

A five minute recess was called at 8:30 P.M. and the Meeting resumed at 8:40 P.M.

RESOLUTIONS

Councilman Menendez offered the following resolution which was seconded by Councilman Young.

RESOLVED, That during the year 1977, all regular meetings of the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead, will be held twice monthly at the Town Hall, Riverhead, New York; one meeting to be held on the first Tuesday of each month and the other on the third Tuesday of each month, at 7:30 P.M., provided, however, that when such date falls on a holiday, or for other sufficient cause, the Board may omit or change such meeting date and location, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk be and is hereby authorized to publish the following Public Notice in the January 6th, 1977 issue of the News-Review:

PUBLIC NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, That pursuant to a Resolution adopted on the 4th day of January, 1977, the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead, Suffolk County, New York, will hold its first monthly meeting on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 P.M.

The second monthly meeting will be held in the evening, on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 P.M.

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All meetings will be held at the Town Hall, 200 Howell Avenue, Riverhead, New York, provided, however, that when such dates fall on a holiday, or for other sufficient cause, the Board may omit or change such meeting date and location.

The vote, Lombardi, Yes, Tomlinson, Yes, Menendez, Yes, Young, Yes, and Smith, Yes.

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

After adoption of the resolution Supervisor Smith made the following comment: "There are two items that I forgot to mention. Under the Sunshine Law the Board is going to assemble relative to a matter some of you may be interested in. There is a Special Permit in existence for the construction for condominium apartments on Middle Road. The holders of that permit will be asked to appear before the Town Board to discuss that particular matter. That will be on Friday the 7th at 10:00 o'clock.

The other item is that the Long Island Cable Vision franchise in the Riverhead area in response to some of the complaints that have been voiced through and by the Town Board has asked for the use of this room on Wednesday the 12th and I do not recall the time. We'll try to have it in my office and Miss Block's office by the end of the week to listen to anyone who should care to come forward and has a problem with Cable Vision, to come in, meet with the technical people of Long Island Cable Vision and see if the problems can be solved. That will be on the evening of the 12th in this room."

Councilwoman Tomlinson offered the following resolution which was seconded by Councilman Lombardi.

RESOLVED, That Peter S. Danowski, Jr., be, and he hereby is, appointed Town Attorney for the Town of Riverhead for the year 1977, at an annual salary of Seventeen thousand and 00/100 (\$17,000.00) Dollars.

The vote, Lombardi, Yes, Tomlinson, Yes, Menendez, Yes, Young, Yes, and Smith, Yes.

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Councilman Lombardi offered the following resolution which was seconded by Councilwoman Tomlinson.

RESOLVED, That pursuant to Section 64 (11) of the Town Law, NEWS-REVIEW and SUFFOLK COUNTY LIFE be, and hereby are, designated as the official newspapers for the publication of all notices, resolutions, ordinances and other matters required by law to be published for the Town of Riverhead for the year 1977, and the Town Clerk shall publish therein only at the direction of the Town Board.

Councilwoman Tomlinson offered a motion seconded by Councilman Menendez to amend the main resolution by adding the Long Island Traveler Watchman Newspaper.

The vote, Lombardi, Yes, Tomlinson, Yes, Menendez, Yes, Young, No, and Smith, No.

The motion was thereupon declared duly adopted.

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Supervisor Smith explained that the main resolution now reads that the three official newspapers of the Town of Riverhead will be News Review, Suffolk County Life and the Long Island Traveler Watchman and called for a roll call vote on the main resolution.

The vote, Lombardi, Yes, Tomlinson, Yes, Menendez, Yes, Young, No, and Smith, Yes.

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Councilman Young offered the following resolution which was seconded by Councilman Menendez.

WHEREAS, Under Section 64 (9) of the Town Law, it is provided that the Town Board shall designate by written resolution the bank or trust companies in which certain Town officials shall deposit the moneys coming into their hands by virtue of their offices, NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, That the Suffolk County National Bank and European-American Bank are hereby designated as official co-depositories for the receipt of and collection of taxes by the Tax Receiver of the Town of Riverhead, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Suffolk County National Bank be, and hereby is, designated as the official depository of all other funds of the Town of Riverhead or the subordinate districts to the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That said designations are conditioned upon the receipt by the Supervisor of an agreement by the aforesaid banks stating that, in consideration of this designation, they shall, on each and every occasion that bonds are let by the Town of Riverhead or any of its subordinate districts, bid upon the same.

The vote, Lombardi, Yes, Tomlinson, Yes, Menendez, Yes, Young, Yes, and Smith, Yes.

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Councilman Lombardi offered the following resolution which was seconded by Councilwoman Tomlinson.

RESOLVED, That the Town Superintendent of Highways be authorized to purchase equipment, tools and implements, without prior approval of the Town Board, in an amount not exceeding Fifty and 00/100 (\$50.00) Dollars.

The vote, Lombardi, Yes, Tomlinson, Yes, Menendez, Yes, Young, Yes, and Smith, Yes.

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Supervisor Smith made the following comment: "That should not be construed as to permit the purchase of acquisition of anything without a purchase order."

Councilman Lombardi offered the following resolution which was seconded by Councilwoman Tomlinson.

RESOLVED, That the mileage allowance on official authorized Town business shall be, and it is, hereby fixed as provided by labor

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contract.

The vote, Lombardi, Yes, Tomlinson, Yes, Menendez, Yes, Young, Yes, and Smith, Yes.

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Councilman Lombardi offered the following resolution which was seconded by Councilwoman Tomlinson.

RESOLVED, That the firm of Frank J. Smith Agency, be and is hereby appointed Insurance Broker of Record for the Town of Riverhead, for the period of January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977.

The vote, Lombardi, Yes, Tomlinson, Yes, Menendez, Yes, Young, Yes, and Smith, Yes.

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Councilwoman Tomlinson offered the following resolution which was seconded by Councilman Lombardi.

RESOLVED, That the following persons be, and hereby are, appointed as members of the Riverhead Recreation Committee, effective January 1, 1977, and to serve at the pleasure of the Town Board, at no compensation:

Mr. Edward Kukla	30 Brown Street Riverhead, N.Y. 11901	727-5136
Mr. Walter Rolle	Church Lane Aquebogue, N.Y. 11931	722-3877
Mr. Thomas Block	21 Flora Lane Riverhead, N.Y. 11901	727-1699
Mr. W. Bruce Stark	R. R. #2, Box 176 Riverhead, N.Y. 11901	727-3526
Mrs. Joy Kirschenbaum	Woodchuck Hollow Road Wading River, N.Y. 11792	929-6374
Mrs. Lois West	P.O. Box 69 Wading River, N.Y. 11792	929-6375
Mrs. Emma Karch	c/o Glenwood Park 1661 Old Country Road Riverhead, N.Y. 11901	727-4641
Mr. Michael McKillop	25 Louise Court Riverhead, N.Y. 11901	727-1585

Before vote Supervisor Smith commented as follows:

"Mr. McKillop taught me how to play football but that's not his prime requirement. He's filling the vacancy created by Mr. Mayo's leaving. Mr. Mayo is now an employee with the Recreation Department."

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Therefore, he shouldn't be on the committee."

The vote, Lombardi, Yes, Tomlinson, Yes, Menendez, Yes, Young, Yes, and Smith, Yes.

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Councilman Lombardi offered the following resolution which was seconded by Councilwoman Tomlinson.

RESOLVED, That John Ziemacki be, and is hereby, appointed Chairman of the Board of Assessors for the year 1977, and that he be paid no additional compensation for serving as Chairman.

The vote, Lombardi, Yes, Tomlinson, Yes, Menendez, Yes, Young, Yes, and Smith, Yes.

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Councilman Lombardi offered the following resolution which was seconded by Councilwoman Tomlinson.

RESOLVED, That the Board of Assessors, Charles Crump, John M. J. Ziemacki, Thomas L. McKay, be and are hereby authorized to attend the Conference on Assessment Administration at the Hotel Grossingers, Goshen, N.Y., on January 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 1977, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, That all expenses incurred thereto be charged to the Assessors Expense Account.

The vote, Lombardi, Yes, Tomlinson, Yes, Menendez, Yes, Young, Yes, and Smith, Yes.

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Councilman Lombardi offered the following resolution which was seconded by Councilwoman Tomlinson.

RESOLVED, That Receiver of Taxes Irene J. Pendzick and Deputy Receiver of Taxes Dorothy Jermusyk, be and are hereby authorized to attend the Suffolk County Tax Receiver's Association meetings and luncheons to be held in 1977, and that all necessary expenses be reimbursed and the same charged to the Receiver of Taxes Expense Account.

The vote, Lombardi, Yes, Tomlinson, Yes, Menendez, Yes, Young, Yes, and Smith, Yes.

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Councilman Menendez offered the following resolution which was seconded by Councilman Young.

WHEREAS, Section 123 of the Town Law requires an annual accounting by Town Officers and Employees, and

WHEREAS, Section 123 of the Town Law provides that where a Town, which prior to the 20th day of January, shall have engaged the services of a certified public accountant to make an annual audit to be compensated within sixty (60) days of the close of the Town fiscal year, and

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WHEREAS, it is deemed to be in the best interest of the Town that an independent audit by a certified public accountant be made and completed within sixty (60) days of the close of the Town fiscal year,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, That MacAlbert Bank and Co., certified public accountant, is hereby directed to make a full and complete annual account within sixty (60) days of the close of the Town fiscal year, at the sum not to exceed Five thousand and 00/100 (\$5,000.00) Dollars.

The vote, Lombardi, Yes, Tomlinson, Yes, Menendez, Yes, Young, Yes, and Smith, Yes.

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Councilwoman Tomlinson offered the following resolution which was seconded by Councilman Lombardi.

RESOLVED, That Robert Donnelly be, and is hereby, appointed as a member of the Riverhead Town Planning Board, effective January 1, 1977, and terminating December 31, 1981.

The vote, Lombardi, Yes, Tomlinson, Yes, Menendez, Yes, Young, Yes, and Smith, Yes.

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Supervisor Smith then stated: "Mr. Donnelly, you accept. I see I have your resignation from the Zoning Board of Appeals."

Councilman Young offered the following resolution which was seconded by Councilman Menendez.

WHEREAS, Section 29 of the Town Law, pertaining to the publishing of the Annual Financial Report has been amended to provide an alternative method of preparing and publishing the report, and

WHEREAS, It is the intention of the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead to obtain the financial advantage permitted thereunder, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That publication of the annual financial report be and the same is hereby authorized in summary form pursuant to Section 29, Paragraph 10-A.

The vote, Lombardi, Yes, Tomlinson, Yes, Menendez, Yes, Young, Yes, and Smith, Yes.

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Councilwoman Tomlinson offered the following resolution which was seconded by Councilman Lombardi.

RESOLVED, That all elected officials, heads of all Town Departments, Senior Clerk-Typist-Highway, Deputy Town Clerk, Town Attorney, Member of the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals, Building Inspector, Building and Zoning Administrator, Accountant, and Justice Court Clerk be, and are hereby, authorized to attend the Annual Meeting of the Association of Towns of the State of New York, in New York City, New York, on February 20, 21, 22, 23, 1977, at the New York Hilton and the Americana Hotels, and be it

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FURTHER RESOLVED, That expenses be set at Two hundred fifty and 00/100 (\$250.00) Dollars, and charged to the respective Departments, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That Allen M. Smith be, and is hereby, designated as Delegate to the Meeting of the Association of Towns of the State of New York, and that Jessie Tomlinson be, and is hereby, designated Alternate Delegate.

The vote, Lombardi, Yes, Tomlinson, Yes, before voting Menendez made the following comment:

"Miss Block, for three years in a row everytime this resolution comes up I about have a hemorrhage. It doesn't seem right to me that the Town spends this much money to send a whole gang into New York City to have a damn big party. That's about what it amounts to. Let me have my say. If we want to send in one man from each Department or two from the Town Board fine. Let them go in, bring a report out, tell the other people. But to send in a gang of twenty or so seems to me a little out of reason. Therefore, I vote no."

Councilman Young: "I disagree with Mr. Menendez. I have attended several and I think that if a person makes good use of his time it's advantageous. It's a school and you can learn a lot if you go in there. I'll vote yes."

Supervisor Smith: "Before voting, I would say that I've never been until last year '76. I think the approach that I took when I went in was to attend the seminars that are in existence and I did so in fact because I traveled back and forth each night so I could make appearances out here in Town. I for one was not frolicing in the evening hours Doc."

Councilman Menendez: "I exclude you."

Supervisor Smith: "You can learn some things and you can support some bills and that's the purpose of the association and I vote yes."

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Councilman Menendez offered the following resolution which was seconded by Councilman Young.

RESOLVED, That Onell Driskell, Francis Painter, Betty Harris, Frank Kehlenbeck, Michael Lutzky and Frank Skipka be and they are hereby appointed School Crossing Guards, effective January 1, 1977, compensated at the rate of \$3.00 per hour, payable bi-weekly and at the pleasure of the Town Board.

The vote, Lombardi, Yes, Tomlinson, Yes, Menendez, Yes, Young, Yes, and Smith, Yes.

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Councilman Menendez offered the following resolution which was seconded by Councilman Young.

RESOLVED, That Frank Blasko, Frank Skipka and Frank Kehlenbeck be and they are hereby appointed Church Crossing Guards, effective January 1, 1977, compensated at the rate of \$3.00, payable bi-weekly, and at the pleasure of the Town Board.

The vote, Lombardi, Yes, Tomlinson, Yes, Menendez, Yes, Young, Yes, and Smith, Yes.

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

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Councilwoman Tomlinson offered the following resolution which was seconded by Councilman Lombardi.

RESOLVED, That longevity pay be paid pursuant to existing labor contracts.

The vote, Lombardi, Yes, Tomlinson, Yes, Menendez, Yes, Young, Yes, and Smith, Yes.

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Councilwoman Tomlinson offered the following resolution which was seconded by Councilman Lombardi.

BE IT RESOLVED, That the salaries of the following elected officials of the Town of Riverhead for the year 1977, be and are hereby fixed as follows, payable bi-weekly:

Allen M. Smith	Supervisor	\$23,000.00
Gregory R. Manning	Town Justice	\$17,500.00
Robert G. Leonard	Town Justice	\$17,500.00
Francis E. Menendez	Councilman	\$ 8,855.00
Jessie Tomlinson	Councilwoman	\$ 8,855.00
George G. Young	Councilman	\$ 8,855.00
John A. Lombardi	Councilman	\$ 8,855.00
Helene M. Block	Town Clerk	\$18,000.00
Irene J. Pendzick	Tax Receiver	\$14,000.00
Alexander E. Horton	Supt. of Highways	\$17,875.00
Charles Crump	Assessor	\$15,000.00
John Ziemacki	Assessor	\$15,000.00
Thomas L. McKay	Assessor	\$15,000.00

The vote, Lombardi, Yes, Tomlinson, Yes, Menendez, Yes, Young, Yes, and Smith, Yes.

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Councilman Young offered the following resolution which was seconded by Councilman Menendez.

RESOLVED, That the Bond of Edward Carrera and Marion Carrera be, and the same hereby is, approved in the annexed form:
(BOND)

Know all men by these presents, That we, Edward Carrera and Marion Carrera of Box 178 Little Harbor Road, Mt. Sinai, New York, as Principals, and the Republic Insurance Company, a Texas corporation, authorized to do business in the State of New York, having an office

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and place of business at 129 Fulton Street, New York, New York, as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto the Town of Riverhead, Suffolk County, New York, as Obligee in the sum of eighty-eight thousand and 00/100 (\$88,000.00) dollars lawful money of the United States of America to be paid to the said Obligee, for which payment well and truly to be made, the Principal and the Surety Bond themselves, their successors and assigns jointly and severally firmly by these presents.

Signed, sealed and dated this 16th day of December, 1976.

WHEREAS, The Principal has made application to the Planning Board of the Town of Riverhead for approval and filing of subdivision map entitled "Century Farms Section #2", situated in the Town of Riverhead, Suffolk County, New York, dated September 1975, prepared by Young & Young P.E. & L.S., Riverhead, New York, and;

WHEREAS, The Principal is required by the Obligee to construct and faithfully complete all improvements shown on said subdivision map known as "Century Farms Section #2", as required by the Riverhead Town Planning Board resolution of December 2, 1976, in accordance with the construction specifications in the rules and regulations for the dedication of a public highway in the Town of Riverhead, Suffolk County, New York, as is more fully described in the resolution of the Planning Board made the 2nd day of December, 1976, and;

NOW, THEREFORE, The condition of this Obligation is such, that if the Principal shall well and truly at its own cost and expense, within two (2) years subject to renewal by the Town Board, from the date hereof construct roads, highways, curbs, drainage systems, road surfacing and all other requirements in the subdivision known as Century Farms Section #2 as said work is more fully described in the aforesaid resolution of the Planning Board of the Town of Riverhead, December 2, 1976, and all in accordance with the construction specifications and rules and regulations of the Town of Riverhead, and shall, in addition, procure a release of this Bond from the Riverhead Town Planning Board, the Riverhead Town Board, and the Riverhead Town Highway Superintendent, then this obligation to be void; otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

The vote, Lombardi, Yes, before voting Tomlinson commented as follows:

"I'm voting no on this particular bond and it's strictly a symbolic gesture. I think that this subdivision is going to be another Wading River Nightmare. I lived right behind it - they had a drainage problem there, before there were any homes. I really don't understand how the Planning Board has allowed the subdivision to be approved and I just want it to go on record that I am opposed to this particular subdivision with the drainage and road plans as the Planning Board has specified. So I'm voting no."

Councilman Menendez: "We're voting on a bond assuming that this bond is supposed to correct most of these evils. Is it not? It's insurance that they perform in other words."

Supervisor Smith: "I believe what Mrs. Tomlinson is saying Doctor Menendez is that it is her opinion that the design of this particular subdivision is faulty. And even if he does everything he says he is going to do in accordance with the bond, it's going to start off a mess and end up a mess."

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Councilman Menendez: "What is Mr. Horton's opinion on this?"
Does he say it's a mess?"

Supervisor Smith: "Mr. Horton opposes this one. The fact of the matter is, however, that the Planning Board has approved it."

Councilman Young: "Can we stop it if we don't accept the bond? Will that stop the development?"

Peter S. Danowski, Jr., Town Attorney: "If I'm correct this is the one I think in Century Farm Section II where I think initially there was a bond approved and I think some of the work has been done and it's a question of reducing the amount of the bond. I think as we have it developed in this Town the Planning Boards sole authority to create or set the amount of that bond and they only bring it to your attention so you approve it as performance deficiency. Now Mr. Smith on another application where the rather familiar local attorney I think gave them a rather hard time and corrected some things in that bond. This developer apparently saw that bond and corrected it before Mr. Smith saw it. So it is in conformity with the prior bonds that have been submitted as corrected. The problem here I think is I think Mr. Lombardi, Mrs. Tomlinson have been down at that development and there's a question of dirt roads, we're always getting involved in roads. But I believe the Planning Board has approved development and I believe there is a filed subdivision map as approved. I really don't think there's much you can do about it other than perhaps delay on making this vote but that doesn't accomplish anything."

Councilman Menendez: "Does it go back to the Planning Board if we turn it down?"

Town Attorney: "No it stays with you until you vote on it. You turn it down the Planning Board has in effect voted on it and approved the reduced amount over the objection of Mr. Horton. The only thing you're voting on is rather than content is the form of the bond."

Councilman Menendez: "Well the Planning Board has approved this."

Town Attorney: "They have, yes. I think if you all vote no ----"

Councilman Menendez: "I'll have to go along with the Planning Board and I'll vote yes."

Councilman Young, "Yes".

Supervisor Smith: "I am going to vote yes but it's not in the sense of the comment going along with the Planning Board. Mr. Donnelly, bright new face, engineer, note our concern."

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Councilman Menendez offered the following resolution which was seconded by Councilman Young.

RESOLVED, That pursuant to Chapter 54 of the Code of the Town of Riverhead, the following persons are hereby designated as authorized agents in the enforcement of such Chapter:

Raymond Wiwczar
James V. DeLucca
Thomas Ward

Before vote Supervisor Smith stated as follows:

"It's under the "Unsafe Structures Provision" of our Town Ordinances that we should designate those officers that enforce such rules. That's what we're doing."

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The vote, Lombardi, Yes, Tomlinson, Yes, Menendez, Yes, Young, Yes, and Smith, Yes.

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Councilwoman Tomlinson offered the following resolution which was seconded by Councilman Lombardi.

RESOLVED, That the Supervisor be, and he hereby is, authorized to execute leases with the Diocese of Long Island of 36 Cathedral Avenue, Garden City, New York, and Northville Industries Corp. of One Huntington Quadrangle, Huntington Station, New York, for the lease of Camp DeWolfe as a Recreation Center for the Wading River area, and the Corwin and Benjamin houses as historic preservation sites, and that the Town Clerk be, and she hereby is, authorized and directed to publish notices hereof in accordance with Town Law.

The vote, Lombardi, Yes, Tomlinson, Yes, Menendez, Yes, Young, Yes, and Smith, Yes.

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Councilwoman Tomlinson offered the following resolution which was seconded by Councilman Lombardi.

RESOLVED, That Catherine M. Miller be, and she hereby is, appointed to the position of Clerk-Typist in the Building Department, effective January 1, 1977, for a probationary period of eight (8) weeks, renewable automatically hereby for a full probationary period of six (6) months, at an annual salary of Six thousand nine hundred thirty and 00/100 (\$6,930.00) Dollars; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That Verna S. Campbell be, and she hereby is, appointed to the position Switchboard Operator, effective January 1, 1977, for a probationary period of eight (8) weeks, renewable automatically hereby for a full probationary period of six (6) months, at an annual salary of Six thousand six hundred fifty-two and 80/100 (\$6,652.80) Dollars; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the position of Clerk in the Supervisor's office be hereby abolished and that the Supervisor be, and he hereby is, authorized to prepare and forward to the Suffolk County Department of Civil Service a Duty Statement for classification relative to the creation of a new position in the Supervisor's office for secretarial purposes.

The vote, Lombardi, Yes, Tomlinson, Yes, Menendez, Yes, Young, Yes, and Smith, Yes.

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Councilman Young offered the following resolution which was seconded by Councilman Menendez.

WHEREAS, It has come to this Town Board's attention that street lighting facilities in the Town of Riverhead are currently supplied, serviced and maintained by LILCO, and

WHEREAS, There may be substantial economic savings resulting from some other method than that currently being supplied by LILCO,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, That the Supervisor be, and he hereby is, author-

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ized to enter into a contract with Holzmacher, McLendon and Murrell, P.C., Consulting Engineers, for the following services and fees:

1. Field Survey \$3,810.00
2. Evaluation Report \$2,740.00

and services and fees having been outlined in some detail in a letter, dated December 9, 1976, addressed to Councilwoman Jessie Tomlinson.

The vote, Lombardi, Yes, Tomlinson, Yes, Menendez, Yes, Young, Yes, and Smith, Yes.

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Councilwoman Tomlinson offered the following resolution which was seconded by Councilman Lombardi.

RESOLVED, That Miles Fairley be, and he hereby is, appointed Chairman of the Riverhead Town Planning Board, effective January 1, 1977, and terminating December 31, 1977, at an annual salary of One thousand nine hundred and 00 / 100 (\$1,900.00) Dollars.

The vote, Lombardi, Yes, Tomlinson, Yes, Menendez, Yes, Young, Yes, and Smith, Yes.

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

A five minute recess was called after which the Meeting resumed.

Councilman Young offered the following resolution which was seconded by Councilman Lombardi.

RESOLVED, That the Supervisor designate Councilman Francis E. Menendez as Administrative Commissioner of the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead for a period of one year, and further

RESOLVED, That during this period Councilman Menendez shall be the Head Administrative Officer of the Riverhead Police Department, responsible to and at the direction of the Town Board, and to serve at no increase in compensation.

The vote, Lombardi, Yes, before voting Councilwoman Tomlinson made the following comment:

Councilwoman Tomlinson: "This is one of those nights that I wish I was home playing house. When I first took this job people were telling me there was a problem in the Police Department. I didn't know what it was but different groups of people pointed out that there was lack of discipline or one thing or other.

When Chief Grodski resigned and Captain Palmer was appointed to step into his place I did not know Captain Palmer at the time. I had felt right from the beginning that if there was a problem in the Police Department somebody from the outside will be the only person who could clean it up.

When you are directly involved in anything for 20 - 25 years you just cannot see what's wrong. That's the way I felt at

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the time but nobody agreed with me. At this particular time since we're talking about laying off four or five policemen, I cannot in good conscience approve bringing in an outsider for something like \$20,000 or \$30,000.

So I am willing to give Doctor Menendez a chance. I would prefer six months, but he would like to have a year to see if he could do something with the Police Department. No one knows better than I how hard Allen has worked trying to solve the problem in the Police Department and it really pains me to do it this way, but I have to. I'm going to vote, YES."

Councilman Menendez: "Abstained."

Councilman Young: "I think that Rocky Palmer has had a hard road to hoe and I think part of it is because of negotiations that have been going on for the last year. We're still trying to settle the Police contract for 1976 and we're now into 1977 and that contract of course is hung in the air too.

It puts a commanding officer in a bad position when his troops are on one side and he's on the other side and the Town Board is on the other side and we're not in unison which one aim which should be to serve the Town of Riverhead. And this really should be the aim of the Police Department and all of the Policemen. That should be their main goal - their first goal ahead of P.B.A. Ahead of everything else should be the service to this Town. And it has put Rocky in a bad position and I'm hoping that Doc Menendez can help him out. I'll vote, YES."

Supervisor Smith: "I've stated several of my concerns earlier in the evening. Again the basic theory of what I announced earlier - I'm not critical of Chief Palmer, I'm not specifically critical of anybody in the Riverhead Police Department. On occasions when I have seen specifics and we're getting back to the same old theme, I have stated to the chain of command that I am not interested in the specific problem. I am interested in the overall problem. I believe that Chief Palmer can run the Riverhead Police Department. I have and I will support him in that effort. I believe also that there are issues that are bigger than the day to day operations of the Riverhead Police Department. In saying this I rely upon my brief experiences as Assistant District Attorney and in large measure relying on those things I have learned on the outside. And I do not believe that you can do it, Doc.

I am genuinely interested in seeing you succeed in doing it, but I believe it takes a professional and I vote, NO."

Councilman Menendez: "May I respond to that a little, Sir. You're a lawyer. I'm old enough to be your father. If somebody would come to my dental office before and tell me how to fill a tooth I'd throw them the hell out the back door. Now I don't intend to know all answers to the Police Department problem, but I sure as a devil can find out. I can dig, I can try.

I don't want to see this Town for two years spend at least \$60,000 bringing in an outsider. May be he'll work, may be he won't. A guy comes in beats these men over the head - worse than what they're being now - they're going to end up giving less service. They're going to end up with more of a problem. I want to attack it from a different point of view. You speak about experience, for 36 years

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I've dealt with people and had all kinds of problems come up. So I know a little bit of the psychology on handling people. And that includes four years of Naval Service.

I never had a lawsuit against me. I never had any threats. I think if you treat a man right, he's going to respond. All I want is the opportunity just to prove it and if I can't prove it, I'll quit and Rocky can quit."

Supervisor Smith: "We have the ultimate responsibility both of us, you in doing that job and I in doing mine. We'll come back to this again and we'll find out how we're doing a year from now. My vote is "NO."

So we don't get to the issue should any of our reporter friends get the bright idea, it is the preogative of the Supervisor to appoint people. Following your wishes I appoint you, Sir, to the Executive position with the Police Commissioners. I do not by doing that divest myself or any of the other Town Board members of their status as contemporaries of yours as Police Commissioner to do our job."

Councilman Menendez: "I appreciate your appointment, but I don't appreciate your evaluation of me."

Supervisor Smith: "That's okay."

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Councilman Menendez offered the following resolution which was seconded by Councilman Lombardi.

RESOLVED, That B. Arthur Thurm be and is hereby appointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Robert Donnelly, and further

RESOLVED, That said appointment of B. Arthur Thurm is to take effect January 1, 1977 and expire on June 1, 1981.

The vote, Lombardi, Yes, Tomlinson, Yes, Menendez, Yes, Young, Yes, and Smith, Yes.

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Councilman Menendez offered the following resolution which was seconded by Councilman Lombardi.

RESOLVED, That Mike Grossman be appointed provisionally as Police Sergeant effective January 4, 1977, at no increase in pay, pending the effective date of the retirement of John J. Harris.

The vote, Lombardi, Yes, Tomlinson, No, Menendez, No, Young, No, and Smith, No.

The resolution was thereupon defeated.

Councilman Menendez offered the following resolution which was seconded by Councilman Young.

RESOLVED, That John Seaman be appointed provisionally as Police Sergeant effective January 4, 1977, at no increase in pay, pending the effective date of the retirement of John J. Harris.

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Before the vote the following statements were made:

Councilman Lombardi: "I'd like to give my reason. I feel that Mike Grossman who has been on the Force for six years, he's been going to schools to advance himself, try to better himself - he's got a college education which doesn't mean anything, but he has been trying to get ahead. Jack Seaman has nine years on the Force and he hasn't tried to go into any schools and to advance himself. I feel that Mike Grossman would do the job for the Town and I vote, No."

Councilwoman Tomlinson: "This was really a very difficult decision to make because both of them I thought were very qualified. I went to Seaman simply because he is the Senior man. I think that Mr. Grossman has a chance in the future. I think Seaman has a real interest in this Town and that's why I voted for him. I vote, Yes."

Councilman Menendez: "I am in a precarious position here as I have to work with whoever is appointed. Both of these men are highly qualified, which ever one gets it, I'm sure can do the job. So, therefore, I wish to "Abstain."

Councilman Young: "Yes."

Supervisor Smith: "Yes, we have an evaluation process whereby on any issue such as this we evaluate in our minds and there are potential numbers involved that range over a whole spectrum, say from one to twenty or thirty. And there is a procedure that we follow to determine who in our judgment qualifies the best. Of all the men that were eligible on the list, I would point out that there was one point difference between these two men in the education - the numbers.

If we were making two sergeants tonight there would absolutely be no doubt that Mr. Grossman and Mr. Seaman would be the two sergeants. The plain fact of the matter is that we are making one sergeant. And it happens that we have to make a choice between two in my judgment very good officers. We have their personnel folders, we've interviewed them, we discussed the matter amongst the Force and you can see the divergence of opinion that's on the Board. I'm going to vote for Mr. Seaman and I vote, Yes."

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

At this time, Supervisor Smith made the following statement: "The Agenda shows resolutions numbered 31, 32, 33, 34, and 35. These are the resolutions setting salaries for the ensuing year and they are with certain exceptions that I will bring up specified by the P.B.A and CSEA Labor Contracts. There are these changes; Mr. Fairley, of course, becomes the Chairman of the Planning Board, Mr. Donnelly becomes a member of the Planning Board, you've heard those. Mr. Thurm is a member of the Board of Appeals. We are making a change in the position of Bingo Inspector. This is partly occasioned by the fact that it can reasonably be anticipated that we may need some extra help with Las Vegas Nights. We, therefore, feel that somebody with a Police Background might be in order for this particular job and we are offering the name of Raymond McCoy, Jr."

Approved by the Board of Supervisors on 1/4/77
by Councilman Lombardi

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Supervisor Smith offered the following resolution which was seconded by Councilman Menendez.

BE IT RESOLVED, That the salaries of the following employees of the Town of Riverhead for the year 1977, be and are hereby fixed as follows, payable bi-weekly.

EMPLOYEE	TITLE	SALARY	LONGEVITY
Sophie Waski	Bookkeeper (Supervisor)	\$10,080.00	\$490.98
Margaret O'Hara	Legal Stenographer "	\$ 7,350.00	
John J. Hansen	Accountant's Trainee "	\$13,653.15	
Elizabeth Edwards	Clerk-Typist (Town Clerk)	\$10,080.00	\$486.53
Melanie Johnson	Clerk-Typist (Town Clerk)	\$ 8,583.75	
Denise Celic	Clerk-Typist (Town Clerk)	\$ 8,583.75	
Victoria Vourakis	Stenographer (Town Clerk)	\$ 7,484.40	
Stella A. Brant	Justice Court Clerk	\$10,395.00	\$621.12
Irene Alexander	Justice Clerk-Typist	\$ 7,560.00	
Lorraine Zuhoski	Justice Court Stenographer	\$ 8,760.15	
James DeLucca	Building/Zoning Adm.	\$12,600.00	
Nancy Neems	Clerk (Building Dept.)	\$ 6,652.80	
Raymond Wiwczar	Housing/Fire Inspector	\$13,932.00	\$537.83
Catherine M. Miller	Clerk-Typist (Bldg. Dept.)	\$ 6,930.00	
Miles Fairley	Chairman, Planning Board	\$ 1,900.00	
Richard Larsen	Member, Planning Board	\$ 1,296.00	
Joseph Lawrence	Member, Planning Board	\$ 1,296.00	
Robert Donnelly	Member, Planning Board	\$ 1,296.00	
Maurie Semel	Member, Planning Board	\$ 1,296.00	
Jane Stromski	Clerk Board of Appeals	\$ 6,652.80	
Patricia S. Tormey	Chairman, Board of Appeals	\$ 1,900.00	
Kenneth L. Wells, Jr.	Member, Board of Appeals	\$ 1,296.00	
John Kobylenski	Member, Board of Appeals	\$ 1,296.00	
Francis Cardinale	Member, Board of Appeals	\$ 1,296.00	

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EMPLOYEE	TITLE	SALARY	LONGEVITY
B. Arthur Thurm	Member, Board of Appeals	\$ 1,296.00	
Marian Riley	Clerk-Typist (Police Dept.)	\$ 4.30/Hr.	
Lillian Murphy	Clerk (Police Dept.)	\$ 7,106.40	
Victoria Martin	Account Clerk (Assessors)	\$ 8,860.95	
Doris Edwards	Clerk (Assessors)	\$ 6,652.80	
Susan Keeney	Clerk-Typist (Assessors)	\$ 8,583.75	\$336.08
Dorothy Jermusyk	Sr. Clerk (Rec. of Taxes)	\$ 9,733.50	\$378.08
Wanda Pawloski	Part-time Clerk "	\$ 3.50/Hr.	
Cornelia Gatz	Part-time Clerk "	\$ 3.50/Hr.	
June Donahue	Part-time Clerk "	\$ 3.50/Hr.	
Delores Harris	Part-time Clerk "	\$ 3.50/Hr.	
Edward J. Gadzinski	H.E.A.O. (Sanitation)	\$12,576.90	\$497.66
Frank J. Columbus	H.E.A.O. (Sanitation)	\$11,572.05	\$475.23
Thaddeus Krukoski	H.E.A.O. (Sanitation)	\$11,572.05	\$683.10
Bernard Hettrick	Laborer (Sanitation)	\$10,185.00	
Robert Kennedy	Laborer (Sanitation)	\$ 8,962.80	
Louis Gatz	Dog Warden	\$10,796.10	
John Sabotka	Dog Warden	\$ 9,573.90	
Aurora Egert	Sr. Clerk (Highway)	\$ 9,733.50	\$378.08
Frank Shefchick	Maintenance Man	\$ 9,517.20	
Richard Heinen	Custodial Worker	\$ 8,593.20	
Idoma Byers	Comfort Sta. Custodian	\$ 6,347.25	
Raymond McCoy, Jr.	Bingo Inspector	\$ 5.25/Hr.	
Merrill B. Nelson	Groundsman	\$10,490.00	\$418.66
James E. Gadbois	Groundsman	\$10,490.55	

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EMPLOYEE	TITLE	SALARY	LONGEVITY
Gustave E. Olsen	Groundsman	\$10,490.55	\$311.11
Stanley G. Grodski	Supt. of Recreation	\$15,750.00	\$322.00
Michael Mayo	Recreation Aide	\$ 9,197.60	
Patricia J. Downs	Sr. Clerk (Recreation)	\$ 9,683.10	\$378.08
Anne M. Ribeiro	Clerk-Typist (Recreation)	\$ 4.30/Hr.	
Alice Kappenberg	Historian	\$ 1,296.00	
Verna S. Campbell	Switchboard Operator	\$ 6,652.80	

The vote, Lombardi, Yes, Tomlinson, Yes, Menendez, Yes, Young, Yes, and Smith, Yes.

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Supervisor Smith offered the following resolution which was seconded by Councilman Menendez.

RESOLVED, That salaries of employees in the Riverhead Highway Department for the year 1977 be and are hereby fixed, with longevity, as follows, payable in 26 pay periods per annum:

EMPLOYEE	TITLE	SALARY	LONGEVITY
Stanley Bokina	L.F.	\$12,131.70	\$746.49
Leo Ceckowski	A.M.F.	\$12,354.30	\$622.08
John Condzella	L.F.	\$11,788.35	\$712.84
Carl Haupt	A.M.	\$11,572.05	\$594.04
Russell Fleischman	A.M.	\$10,223.85	
Ralph Miller	C.E.O.	\$11,572.05	
Eulis J. Griffin	C.E.O.	\$10,223.85	
Stephen Punda	"	\$11,572.05	\$594.04
Jeremiah Sadowski	"	\$11,572.05	\$712.84
Thomas Sendlewski, Jr.	L.F.	\$11,788.35	\$746.49
Timothy V. Benton	A.E.O.	\$11,139.45	
William R. Bilski	"	\$11,139.45	\$452.80

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<u>EMPLOYEE</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>LONGEVITY</u>
Felix Rutkowski	A.E.O.	\$10,185.00	
John J. Block	"	\$11,139.45	\$241.48
Edmund Condzella	"	\$11,139.45	\$679.20
Edward Fink	"	\$11,139.45	\$452.80
John Niecko	"	\$11,139.45	\$138.34
Sylvester Rusewicz	"	\$11,139.45	\$ 65.40
Raymond Ruskowski	A.E.O.	\$11,139.45	\$566.00
Albert Zambriski	"	\$11, 139.45	\$663.78
Anton Condzella	Laborer	\$10,185.00	\$624.86
Charles E. Downs	"	\$10,185.00	
John S. Kess	"	\$10,185.00	\$416.57
John B. Miller	"	\$10,185.00	
August Stakey, Jr.	"	\$10,185.00	
John Woodson	"	\$10,185.00	
James Baldelli	"	\$10,185.00	
Mike Kiegiel	"	\$10,185.00	
John Lesczynski	"	\$10,185.00	

The vote, Lombardi, Yes, Tomlinson, Yes, Menendez, Yes, Young, Yes, and Smith, Yes.

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Supervisor Smith offered the following resolution which was seconded by Councilman Menendez.

RESOLVED, That the 1977 salary scales for the following members of the Riverhead Town Police Department be and they are hereby set, plus longevity, payable bi-weekly.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>BASE SALARY</u>	<u>LONGEVITY</u>
Fred Alexander	Police Officer	\$15,410.00	
Joseph Becht	Sergeant	\$17,524.21	

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NAME	TITLE	BASE SALARY	LONGEVITY
Harry Boden	Detective, 3rd Grade	\$16,170.76	\$970.24
Edward Curven	Police Officer	\$15,410.00	\$616.40
Antone Densieski	Police Officer	\$15,410.00	
Thomas Dorfer	Police Officer	\$15,410.00	
Alexander Doroski	Police Officer	\$15,410.00	\$924.60
Wesley Droskoski	Lieutenant	\$18,747.96	\$937.39
John Dunleavy	Police Officer	\$15,410.00	\$ 23.97
Frederick Foote	Police Officer	\$15,410.00	
Vincent Gianni	Police Officer	\$14,630.00	
Joseph Grattan	Sergeant	\$17,524.21	\$700.96
Lawrence Grattan	Lieutenant	\$18,747.96	\$749.91
Donald Green	Police Officer	\$13,498.00	
Leonard Griffing	Police Officer	\$15,410.00	\$616.40
August Grossman	Police Officer	\$15,410.00	
Jesse Hughes	Police Officer	\$15,410.00	
Brian Keller	Police Officer	\$14,630.00	
John Kurpetski	Police Officer	\$15,410.00	\$616.40
Lawrence Mazzo	Sergeant	\$17,524.21	\$876.21
Owen McDonald	Police Officer	\$15,410.00	
Vincent Michalski	Police Officer	\$15,410.00	
Louis Mickaliger	Police Officer	\$15,410.00	
Donald Miller	Police Officer	\$14,630.00	
Willaim Moisa	Police Officer	\$15,410.00	\$718.25
Paul Paasch	Police Officer	\$15,410.00	\$ 23.97
Roscoe Palmer	Police Chief	\$22,968.44	\$1,378.10

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NAME	TITLE	BASE SALARY	LONGEVITY
William Palmer	Detective, 2nd Grade	\$16,382.65	\$982.95
James Pleickhardt	Police Officer	\$14,630.00	
John Psaltis	Police Officer	\$13,498.00	
John Quinn	Police Officer	\$15,410.00	\$770.50
Donald Robinson	Lieutenant	\$18,747.96	\$937.39
Frederick Rodgers	Police Officer	\$14,630.00	
Frank Romaniello	Police Officer	\$15,410.00	
Edward Sadowski	Police Officer	\$15,410.00	\$738.38
Richard Schmursal	Police Officer	\$15,410.00	\$873.23
John Seaman	Police Officer	\$15,410.00	
Albert Summerville	Detective, 2nd Grade	\$16,382.65	\$982.96
Reginald Underwood	Detective Sergeant	\$18,112.34	\$1,086.74
Richard Von Voigt	Police Officer	\$14,630.00	
Dennis Weinand	Police Officer	\$14,630.00	
Walter Witt	Police Officer	\$15,410.00	
Kenneth Woods	Police Officer	\$14,630.00	
Donald Yakaboski	Police Officer	\$15,410.00	
James Zaleski	Police Officer	\$15,410.00	
Peter Troyan	Police Officer	\$15,410.00	
David D. Cheshire	Police Officer	\$12,387.00	
Julius J. Swiatocha, III	Police Officer	\$12,387.00	
Malcolm Stewart	Meter Officer	\$12,005.12	\$720.30

The vote, Lombardi, Yes, Tomlinson, Yes, Menendez, Yes, Young, Yes, and Smith, Yes.

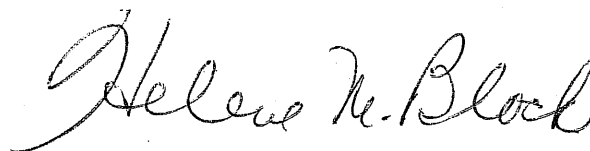
The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

PERSONAL APPEARANCE

Patricia Tormey, Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals:
"I would like the record to show that for the time that Mr. Donnelly was with the Board he was a valuable and conscientious employee. We will miss him and wish him well with the Planning Board."

There being no further business on motion and vote, the Meeting adjourned at 9:55 P.M. to meet January 18, 1977, at 7:30 P.M.

HMB/vlv

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Helene M. Block". The signature is fluid and elegant, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

Helene M. Block, Town Clerk